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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - February 20, 2008

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Juan Esteban Ruiz pled guilty yesterday in federal court in San Diego before United States Magistrate Judge Anthony J. Battaglia to Impeding a Federal Officer on Property Under the Charge of the General Services Administration, a misdemeanor.

In connection with his guilty plea, Ruiz admitted that on November 11, 2007, while participating in an immigration rally sponsored by the "No Borders Camp," he did exhibit conduct that impeded or disrupted the performance of the official duties by a United States Customs and Border Protection near the international border fence by the West Calexico, California, Port of Entry.

Based on his plea of guilty, Magistrate Judge Battaglia immediately sentenced Ruiz to serve two years of probation. As a condition of probation, Ruiz was ordered to perform 100 hours of community service, not to commit any further crimes and not to have any contact with the victim agent.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

DEFENDANT

Criminal Case No. 07CR3319-L

Juan Esteban Ruiz

SUMMARY OF CHARGE

Impeding a Federal Officer on Property Under the Charge of the General Services Administration, Title 41, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 102-74.390, a misdemeanor

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Federal Bureau of Investigation